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1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS (INCLUDING OFFICIAL ANTARA)
AUGUST 1, FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO
JULY 31, DEFENSE MINISTER PANGGABEAN STATED THAT INDONESIA
PREPARING PURCHASE A) FOUR CORVETTES, FOR WHICH BRITISH
FIRMS OF VICKERS AND VOSTER AND DUTCH NEVIS BOUW ASKED
TO SUBMIT TENDERS, B) MORE THAN 100 ARMORED BATTLED CARS
FOR INDONESIAN ARMY TO BE BOUGHT IN US, C) NEW AIRCRAFT
TO INCREASE MOBILITY OF INDONESIAN AIR FORCE, AND D)
EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS FOR CRIME DETECTION FOR USE
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2. COMMENT: CHECKS WITH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE(HANKAM) INDICATE THAT PRES QUOTED PANGGABEAN ACCURATELY. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECTED PURCHASE OF CORVETTES NO SURPRISE (SEE REFTELS). HANKAM ANDINDONESIAN ARMY SOURCES STATE THAT ARMY WANTS TWO BATTALIONS (APPROXIMATELY 120 ARMORED CARS). HOWEVER, NO ONE KNOWS OF ANY PLANS FOR PURCHASING ARMORED CARS BEYOND THE 58 C-150 V CADILLAC GAGE ARMORED CARS EXPECTED TO BE OBTAINED UNDER GRANT MAP OVER FY 74-76 PERIOD. REFERENCE TO NEW AIRCRAFT PRESUMABLY CONCERNS OV-10S WHICH GOI PALNNING TO PURCHASE. WE CHECKING INTO QUESTIONS OF ARMORED CARS, PLANES AND CRIME DETECTION EQUIPMENT AND WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN WE OBTAIN MORE DETAILED READING. NEWSOM

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